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Julius Genachowski
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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Indiana consumers and businesses currently enjoy numerous choices for voice, broadband and TV services. One significant reason for the competitive environment in our state is a deregulatory telecom and video reform bill that was passed by the Indiana General Assembly in 2006. That legislation encouraged providers to invest in Indiana like never before and their investment has resulted in greater rural broadband access and the deployment of advanced technology across Indiana.

During the legislative process, some questioned how much the telecom companies would invest in Indiana if we deregulated the industry. Currently, local providers have announced more than \$1.5 billion in new investments to date. Those investments have resulted in better wireless coverage, new TV choices, and the expansion of high speed Internet access in Indiana. Since passage of the telecom deregulation bill, it is my understanding that more than 100 rural communities in Indiana have received broadband access.

I view what has happened in Indiana's telecommunications market to be a model for other states and the nation. Therefore, I am writing to encourage the FCC to not unnecessarily regulate one of the best and perhaps last examples of free enterprise – a concept that is a foundational component of American exceptionalism. If net neutrality regulations go too far, they could severely hamper the continued investment in internet access and wireless communications needed across America and all 50 states.

As Internet access and wireless communications become even more important to our society and our economy, I respectfully urge the FCC to refrain from adding any new regulations that could degrade the Internet experience, security and reliability for consumers and businesses.

Sincerely,

Todd Rokita
Indiana Secretary of State